

# SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

## Scripture Reflection

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul reminds us to let God's commandments guide our lives. Paul says that this is what we owe our neighbor, "to love one another." In fact Paul claims that when we love one another we have "fulfilled the law." All of the commandments, he says, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet", and any other commandment, are summed up in "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Today's Gospel reminds us that although God calls us to love each other, our lives are inevitably scarred with broken relationships. God expects us to make every effort to heal them. If personal efforts are inadequate, we are to seek counsel from those capable of advising us. If the relationship remains broken, we are to treat the other as Jesus treated the Gentiles or tax collectors: he loved them and prayed for them. The last lines of the Gospel are especially thought-provoking: "Where two or three are gathered . . . there am I in the midst of them." Christ, the reconciler, is with us in the midst of our relationships.

Today the Cathedral Church celebrates its anniversary of dedication. For eighty-three years Christians have gathered in this sacred space to give praise and thanks to almighty God. Thousands of families have entered through our doors over these past years. Many have found refuge, reconciliation, and peace. Others found no home among us. The readings today challenge us to offer love and forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ. The Cathedral Church is our symbol of Christ's presence among us. Whoever enters our doors may they find comfort, strength, and peace in the name of the Lord, our Blessed Sacrament.

• **How often do you pray for the "Gentiles and tax collectors" in your life? What is your prayer?**

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014

This year the Cathedral Parish goal was set at **\$66,350.00**. We are **\$24,695.00** over goal having pledged **\$91,045.00** and are now receiving monthly checks back from the Diocese. Additional gifts are still being accepted. Place any envelope marked ACA in the regular Sunday collection. Thank You.

### McNelis Catholic sets All-Class Reunion October 11, 2014

An all-class reunion will be held on October 11 for former elementary students of Cathedral, St. Leo the Great, Saints Peter and Paul and McNelis Catholic schools. Former elementary students are invited to the all-class reunion from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1508 12th Avenue, Altoona. The cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required by September 27. Classmates are encouraged to bring memorabilia from their elementary school days. Join us on Facebook at "McNelis Pride - Cathedral Elementary School" or e-mail questions to Lisa Vinglish at [lmving@aol.com](mailto:lmving@aol.com). Registration forms are available at the Cathedral Parish Office or in the main entrance at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

### CASINO NIGHT AT CATHEDRAL

The Parish is planning a Casino Night on **Saturday, October 18** from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall. This is a fund-raising event. There will be ten different activities to gamble. Food and drink will be available for purchase. This is an adult function. Plan to attend and bring friends along for an enjoyable evening.

### BISHOP GUILFOYLE NOTE:

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800 RED CROSS to register. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### Special Collection for Middle East Today

Our second collection this weekend at all Masses is taken to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Please be as generous as you can.

# The Church of Altoona-Johnstown THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315  
Church Office: 814-944-4603

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

### INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

### CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

### RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.  
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Communal celebration Easter Season.

### MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

### DEVOTIONS:

Novena of the Miraculous Medal - Monday 7:45 AM.  
Rosary - Wednesday 6:00 PM.  
Charismatic Prayer - Monday 7:00 PM.  
Evening Prayer within Eucharistic Exposition - Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter Seasons - Sunday 6:30 PM.  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM  
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.  
Sunday evening 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM  
Grades 9 thru 12.

### EUCHARIST:

Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:30 PM	Weekday:	6:45 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 8:00 AM	Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
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Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Reverend Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Father John J. Slovickovski, In Residence

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2014**

Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt18:15-20

**Mass Intentions**

September 8, Monday: Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Mi 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

- 6:45 AM Dan Burns (Family)
- 8:00 AM Msgr. George Flinn, Ann. (G. Flinn Sr. Family)
- 12:00 PM Donna Seidel (Stayer Family)

September 9, Tuesday: Saint Peter Claver, priest

Readings: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

- 6:45 AM Margy McConnell (Cathedral Parish)
- 8:00 AM Lena & Paul Eisaman (Nieces, Skip & Nancy)
- 12:00 PM Audrey Krause, Anniversary (Sister)

September 10, Wednesday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

- 6:45 AM Shirley Lavadly (Dick Huber)
- 8:00 AM Jim Roland (Sue Kapfhammer)
- 12:00 PM Mary Jean (Weakland) Gibbons, Ann. (Family)

September 11, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: 1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13; Lk 6:27-28

- 6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
- 8:00 AM M/M Cally Lei (Steve & Lucy DeLeo Family)
- 12:00 PM 43rd Wedding Anniv.- Jim & Mary Ellen Kelly

September 12, Friday: Most Holy Name of Mary

Readings: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42

- 6:45 AM Miriam Burns (Family)
- 8:00 AM Harold Knob, Sr. (BMA Duncansville Staff)
- 12:00 PM Dan Klock (M/M Chris McNelis)

September 13, Saturday: Saint John Chrysostom, doc.

Readings: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

- 8:00 AM Sister Franceline Krug, IHM (L. & E. Simanski)
- 12:00 PM Eugene Capone (Sister, Lelia & Family)

Vigil: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross


Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

- 5:00 PM Jennie Calabrese (Shirley Glova)

**Please remember our sick in your prayers.**

**Tour of Cathedral Today!**

Our annual September tours begin today as we celebrate the 83rd Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral this first Sunday in September. It is a Solemnity here in the Cathedral. The tour is scheduled for **1:00 PM**.



**Liturgical Reflection ...**

This Thursday, September 11, is the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil. May those who survived be consoled with the knowledge of God's love. May the innocent victims know the peace of the Easter Lord. May nations work together for an end to the plague of terror and the birth of peace among all God's nations and religions. Bishop Bartchak will gather in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday, September 13** at **5:00 PM** for the **Blue and White Mass** to honor fire-fighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, and emergency medical technicians who serve our communities. All are welcome.

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**Three Anniversaries Celebrated!**

Today, **Sunday, September 7**, as the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** celebrates its Anniversary of Dedication, **Msgr. Paul Panza**, former Rector of the Cathedral, is with us celebrating his 60th anniversary of priesthood and **Sister Beverly Hmel, IHM**, is celebrating her 60th anniversary of profession as a religious woman. Both Msgr. Panza and Sister Beverly join us at the 10:00 AM Mass today; Msgr. Panza will give the homily and Sister Beverly will renew her vows of profession. There will be a social following on the portico of the Cathedral. Please join us on this day of memorable anniversaries.

**Annual Calendar of Prizes 2014**

Our **Grand Prize** will be awarded this evening, **September 7th**. The Pennsylvania Lottery 7:00 PM drawing of the Straight, Three Digit, Daily Number will determine our winner of a **\$5,000.00** Prize. Good luck!

**Wedding Anniversary Day Celebration**

Seven couples from our Cathedral Parish Family will participate when Bishop Mark Bartchak celebrates a special Mass next Sunday afternoon, **September 14th**, at **2:00 PM** here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with area couples observing their 1st, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, and 60+ Wedding Anniversaries during 2014. A reception for participating couples and their families will follow Liturgy in Cathedral Hall. Are there any other couples wishing to join this special celebration? Call the Parish Office as soon as possible: 944-4603.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes for (Pre K- 8) begin on **September 7, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM** in Cathedral Hall. Pre-K and Kindergarten gather in the Music Room. **F.I.R.E. Groups - Family Intergenerational Religious Education for Parents and Students** in Grades 9-11 (Religious Ed and Home-schooled) will meet in Cathedral Hall following 5:00 PM Mass from **6:15 PM - 8:30 PM** on **Sunday, September 7**

**Christian Initiation Process**

Anyone seeking inquiry about the Catholic faith is invited to join the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team on **Sunday, September 14** at **11:00 AM** in the Seton Suite (along Fourteenth Street). Have you ever thought about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Have you had questions about the Catholic faith? All are welcome during this time of inquiry to discuss and learn the basics of our belief in Jesus Christ. Inquiry sessions are every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM in the Seton Suite. Bring a friend.

**Liturgical Reflection ...**

**Constitution**      The bishop is to be looked on as the high priest of his flock, the faithful's life in Christ in some way deriving from and depending on him. Therefore, all should hold in high esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centered around the bishop, especially in the cathedral church. Today the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament celebrates its anniversary of dedication which occurred on September 7, 1931. For eighty-three years the Local Church has gathered in this magnificent structure to give praise and thanks to God with our bishop gathered with his college of priests and ministers along with the faithful.

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**Sacred Liturgy**      *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, Number 41.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday, August 31 - \$7,696.00**

**Baptism Congratulations!**

On Saturday evening, August 30, Michael Aron Muccitelli was baptized and welcomed into our Cathedral Parish Family. Congratulations to parents, Matthew and Erin, along with brother, Lucas. May the graces of the Sacrament of Baptism strengthen both our children and the adults who care for them.

**Family Night - Plan to Play**

The Parish is planning **FAMILY NIGHT** on **Saturday, September 20** from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Cathedral Hall. There will be a dozen activities for children and adults. Different booths and activities will invite players to take chances and win, others will be for our amusement. This event will provide families with entertainment similar to the summer festival. So bring a few dollars to play the different games. There will be food for purchase. This is a family friendly function. Parishioners of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**BACK TO SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21**

See posters at Church doors. Collection bins will be placed at all doors that weekend. Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to help out too. Benefits the Gloria Gates Foundation. Questions? Please call Karen at 889-7500.

**Charismatic Prayer**

The Charismatic Prayer Group will meet Monday, September 15, at 7:00 PM in the Cathedral. Roy Holtz will be giving a personal testimony. All are welcome.